

**[English]****Operation System for Rural Power Distribution network**

5440. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have an operation system for the rural power distribution network; and

(b) if so, the main features and objectives of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The power supply system feeding the rural power distribution network is always provided with the operation system such as circuit breakers, protective relays, gang operated switches and protective fuses. No special scheme is required to be formulated for this purpose.

**[Translation]****Kathara Coal Washery**

5441. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given on May 15, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 8671 regarding Kathara Coal Washery and state:

(a) the other departmental action taken against the officers in Kathara Coal Washery, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited;

(b) whether any special effort has been made by the Government for an early legal action;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA

GOUDA): (a) According to information furnished by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), a CBI Case No. RC-19/86(R) is pending before the Court for trial. Only after the Court's judgement is available, Departmental action, if any, could be contemplated.

However, S/Shri RJP Upadhyay and M.P. Rao Adhikari had already been transferred out of Kathara Washery.

(b) to (d). Does not arise since the case is sub-Judice.

**[English]****Manufacture of Modern Aircraft**

5442. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the manufacture of modern indigenous aircraft for use of the Indian Airlines/Air India;

(b) whether certain aircraft of the Air India/Indian Airlines are lying idle due to mechanical defects;

(c) the steps taken to get these aircraft repaired for use; and

(d) the number of aircraft to be repaired and the total expenditure involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Oil and Gas Drilling in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

5443. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the results achieved so far from Oil and Gas drilling in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) the future programme of drilling in the onshore and offshore areas of the islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Out of 15 exploratory wells drilled so far in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Offshore) one well has proved to be gas bearing.

(b) Eleven blocks in offshore Andaman and Nicobar Islands are being offered under the Fourth Round of bidding for exploration for oil and gas.

#### **Decline in Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir**

5444. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA :  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :  
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH :  
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of domestic and foreign tourists, separately visited Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the estimated loss due to the fall in tourist traffic in these years;

(c) the loss of foreign exchange to the Indian Airlines and Air India on this account and to the country during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revamp the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) According to the information available from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited the State during the last three years are given below :-